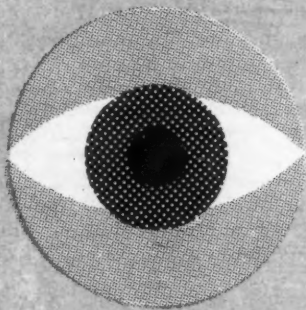


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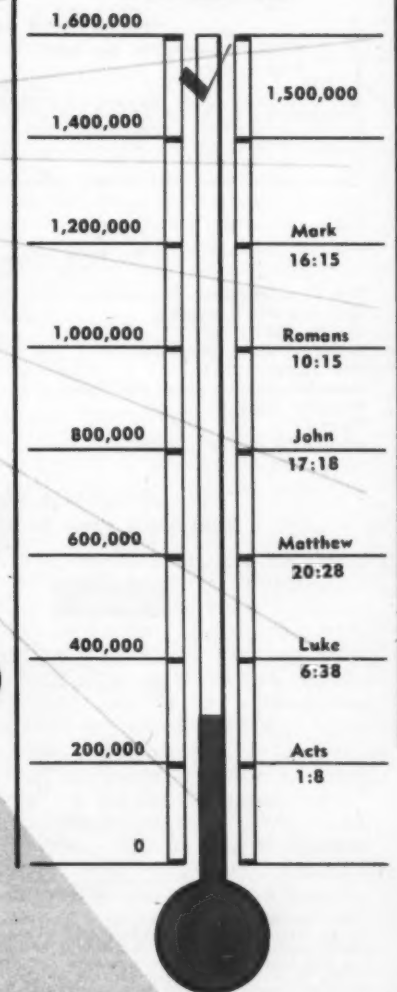
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COVER PICTURE

"No, seeing is not believing; rather, believing we see."
"We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things
which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal;
but the things which are not seen are eternal."

This faith is established because of the compassion in the hearts
of God's people for the lost, which constrains them to carry the
gospel to the ends of the earth.

Surely a church with a membership of 147,929 could raise \$1,500,
000 in two years. This would only be \$3.57 per member, or \$4.28 1/4
per member for one year—a small investment for getting a soul
saved.

May we keep our eye on the thermometer and our hearts attune
to the voice of God in our giving.

The center spread of the "Macedonian Call" is designed to serve
an excellent purpose if detached and posted in your church.

Executive Secretary Reappointed to Office

Paul H. Walker, Foreign Missions Executive Secretary, is reappointed to office after the completion of two very successful terms during which the missions program of the Church of God has almost doubled.

From the outset of his ministry which began at the age of eighteen, Brother Walker's emphasis has been on missions and evangelism. In his early evangelistic experiences he founded approximately sixty churches, plus organizing many others. He pioneered the Church of God in eight states and one Canadian province, organizing many churches while serving as overseer, and founded the Northwest Bible and Music Academy.

His first missionary work, after starting the work in Maryland, was done on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in North Dakota, where he served for four years.

He was first to serve as foreign missions field representative in 1939 when the office was created, and later he became chairman of the Missions Board in which capacity he served until appointed to his present position in 1952.

Brother Walker is chairman of the Foreign Missions Committee of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the World Pentecostal Fellowship, and is also a member of the Executive Board of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, which is a member of the National Association of Evangelicals.

A survey of Brother Walker's ministry reveals the power of vision over circumstances, and pictures victory over hardship. For the first fourteen years of his ministry he had no home whatever, but lived in a tent or in the home of some kind Christian. His financial receipts from this gospel work were from two dollars to fifteen dollars a month, and occasionally twenty-five dollars; thus, it was often necessary for him to earn a livelihood by other employment, such as different types of farm work. As in the early Church, persecution followed his gospel efforts, but never did his zeal for the work of his Master wane, nor did his compassion diminish for the souls of men for whom Christ died. A great many members of the Church of God today were saved and brought in the Church as a result of the work of Brother Walker and his fine wife, who has been a faithful co-worker.

It is evident that his vision for souls has deepened with the passing years of service, and now in his present capacity his mission work circles the globe. For his dedication to this task and his kind, understanding way, he has won the confidence and deep respect of each Church of God missionary.

His untiring, laborious efforts are inspired by one consuming passion to send the gospel of Christ to the untold millions in the regions beyond who are yet in darkness.

—by Samuel L. Peterson

Our Accomplishments and Our Challenge

*Address to the General Assembly, Friday, August 17, 1956
By Paul H. Walker, Foreign Missions Executive Secretary*

THE CHALLENGE FOUND in the great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," is so tremendous and of such magnitude that one hardly dares to reflect on accomplishment.

When we recognize that the field is the world with its teeming millions of people, and so few workers in comparison to the masses having never heard the gospel story, we wonder how we can do so much with so little.

In taking a retrospect of the accomplishments of Church of God missions throughout the world, we do have the consolation of knowing that God has been with us; and we consider that what has been achieved is one of the greatest miracles of this twentieth century, a miracle of God in that He has smiled upon the Church in its effort in world evangelism.

Within the past fifty years the Church outside of continental United States and Canada has progressed until it now has a membership of 135,000 people, and at least 170,000 adherents; 1,612 churches, 485 missions, 2,000 certified ministers and hundreds of noncertified workers, 1,244 Sunday Schools, 527 Y.P.E.'s, and 330 Ladies' Willing Workers' Bands. This report is by no means inflationary because it is always difficult to get proper detail as to accomplishment from the remote areas of so many lands. So, out in the recesses of the ripened harvest fields there are those who have gathered in the grain that has not yet been reported. These accomplishments bespeak the sacrifice of giving on the part of the members and friends of the Church of God in America, as well as the added effort by those nationals in the mission fields themselves. A great part of credit certainly is to be bestowed upon the faithful missionaries who have dedicated their lives to the cause that they love better than they love themselves.

The increase of our mission work in 1955 and 1956 over the previous year has been very gratifying. The increase reveals 61 new churches, 46 missions, 384 ministers, 13,205 members, 33,254 adherents, 225 Sunday Schools, 85 Ladies' Willing Workers' Bands, 5 new Bible schools bringing the number to 29 with over 50 elementary schools, and an increase in property value of \$475,939.15 which brings our total property value in fields abroad to \$2,180,223.28. This does not include the European work in South Africa.

While we rejoice at these accomplishments, the greatest accomplishment of all is to see the heathen that had been in wretched darkness, weeping his way through to

the realization of sins forgiven and to the realities of a relationship with his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The "Go ye into all the world" challenge is found in the heart throb of God, the Father, who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. It is exemplified in the life of His Son Jesus who "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." This example is again shown with marked determination and boundless conviction in the heart of the sainted Apostle Paul who said, "Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. 'For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh,' 2 Corinthians 4:10, 11. Again the Apostle Paul stated, 'For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again,' 2 Corinthians 5:15.

In the final summation of Paul's philosophy relative to the redemption of the soul from an eternal night, he stated, "All things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God," 2 Corinthians 5:18, 20. The reason for such a statement made by the Apostle is summed in 2 Corinthians 5:21 in which he states, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." It is only reasonable to believe that the true value of immortal souls is in far excess to that of the wealth of the world because of the tremendous price paid for its redemption. Hence, there is the challenge for mankind who had been reconciled to God and to whom has been committed the ministry of reconciliation.

IN THIS CHALLENGE we find that the world is the field, and to reap the harvest, God is calling young men and women from their various stations of

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The mission at Megrine, Tunisia. Sister Margaret Gaines is fourth from the left in the back row.

return to the field. However, the burden became so heavy and the ministers that were acquainted with Brother and Sister Skaggs actually pled with us to return them to the field. Inasmuch as the Lord has touched their child and it has greatly improved, a number have rallied to the front to their support in sending them back to Honduras. We pray God's richest blessings upon them. Any contributions for this cause will be appreciated.



Church of God in Bermuda

It is valued at \$18,000, is built in a very fine locality, and is self-supporting.



Church at Pampanar, Peermade, India

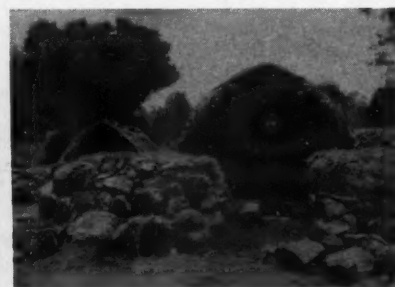
This project was completed by the Louisville, Kentucky, Church of God, Brother Pitts, pastor, and is another soul-saving station.



MISSION HOME IN LA CEIBA, HONDURAS

Pictured here is the home of our missionaries who are working with the English-speaking people of the North Coast and Bay Islands of Honduras. Recently built, it consists of six rooms and a bath, and has a nice large back yard completely fenced in.

A house of this type, if it could be found elsewhere in the city, would rent for over \$100 a month, but it is rented to our missionaries for \$30 a month. Although the building is not centrally located, we have a nice congregation coming, and a great outlook for a strong work in this coastal town.



A church hut in India where they worship the buffalo.



While Brother Horton took a close-up, Brother Pospisil took a full-view picture of Hindu gods in the Tamil field in South India.

BROTHER SKAGGS RETURNS TO HONDURAS

Our Brother N. E. Skaggs and family will be returning to Honduras, or perhaps will be gone by the time this *Macedonian Call* reaches the readers. The Board did not have the money in the budget to return them, and it was thought best, because of the illness of one of their children, that they not

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New home under construction for Brother and Sister L. T. Bolan, missionaries in the Virgin Islands. In the left foreground is a huge cistern. This is their only source of water, other than having it shipped in.



Church of God in San Jose,
Costa Rica, C. A.

Brother Noel DeSouza, pastor,
standing at extreme right.

HONDURAS CONVENTION REPORT

The second annual convention of our English work in Honduras, comprising the North Coast and the Bay Island, convened at Utila, Sunday morning, April 15. Special boats came in bringing people from Roatan, La Ceiba, and La Lima. The Utila members with their pastor, Sister Frances Evans, met the visitors with eagerness and warm hospitality. Even the church with its new glistening coat of brown and white paint and pretty evergreen decorations seemed to welcome us.

Brother J. H. Walker, Jr., Latin-American Assistant Superintendent, was with us for the Sunday services. After Brother Skaggs, district overseer, greeted the pastors and workers, Brother Walker brought a message on the need for more power, which further emphasized our convention theme — **"PENTECOSTAL POWER — THE NEED OF THE HOUR."** The theme was appropriate as the Pentecostal message had hardly been heard of at Roatan and the Coast until about three years ago.

In the afternoon the motorboat, which was supplied by the North Woodville Church of God in Grand Rapids, Michigan, was dedicated by Brother Walker. All the Roatan workers expressed their appreciation and thanks to God for this answer to their prayers. The boat was voted to be called *Gospel Messenger* and we trust that, through the kindness of Brother M. L. Lowe and his members in Michigan, many souls will be won for the Master.

Sunday evening, after a special children's service by Mabel Mullins, the meeting began with God's blessings resting upon it. The building was crowded and many had to stand outside. Brother Walker spoke to the youth from Ecclesiastes 12, after which there were many seeking the Lord for deeper experiences. It was regretted by

all that soon after this service Brother Walker had to leave for Panama.

During the next two days we were busy with workers' meetings in the mornings and afternoon services which consisted of songs, testimonies, and messages by the native pastors. Brother Skaggs exhorted and encouraged the ministers and workers to greater enthusiasm and to the necessity of cooperation and perseverance in all things concerning the ministry. On Monday morning after early prayer service, three people were baptized, and in the afternoon the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet were observed after appropriate messages. That evening Sister Evans spoke on consecration.

On Tuesday morning, there were activities of various kinds. While Brother Skaggs met with the ministers and workers, the L.W.W.B. prepared a bake sale to help on convention expenses, and in a home nearby one of the members of the new church at La Lima received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. At the evening service, special songs were dedicated to Brother and Sister Skaggs and children who were leaving the next day for the States. Brother Skaggs brought the message and gave an appeal for missions. The "penny march," which was introduced to the people in the convention last year, amounted to \$87.50. The La Ceiba Church received a beautiful handmade banner as a prize for raising the largest amount.

The convention over, people began making ready to depart, taking with them more enthusiasm and love for God and His cause. Many improvements, both material and spiritual, have been realized since last year. We give God the glory, knowing that it is "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord . . ."— Mabel Mullins, Missionary, Convention Secretary.

"A NEWCOMER'S IMPRESSION"

By Paul J. Searcy, Missionary to Nigeria, West Africa

WE WERE WARMLY greeted at the Port Harcourt airport by Brother and Sister Mooneyham and children, amid a typical African rain. After the greeting, we made our way to Abak Itenge where the Church of God missions headquarters for Nigeria is located. Here at the Abak Itenge church, the annual prayer conference of all the native preachers and workers from the thirty churches was to be held. It was a day that we and Brother Mooneyham had hoped to be able to attend and by God's loving care and the efficient work of our missions secretary, Brother Paul H. Walker, and his staff, we were privileged to be present. As the ministers and lay members began to gather in, we were greatly welcomed by each one with real Christian love.

Mud Walls, Mud Floors, and Palm Branch Benches, but God Was There

The church building where the prayer conference was held is typical of all of our Nigerian church structures. The walls are framed with bamboo and plastered with mud which, when dried, look much like rough plastered walls that have been painted a reddish brown. They usually have two small windows on each side for light and ventilation. The roof is made of bamboo poles tied cross-wise with palm leaves sown together systematically overlapping each other. The floor and even the rostrum is of mud, but it is coated with a paint made of charcoal and water. The pews are constructed by tying together four large palm branches and placing them on a frame of small poles which are held up from the floor about twelve to eighteen inches by Y-shaped pieces of wood driven into the ground.

This should give you some idea as to the kind of buildings the Nigerians are able to build with their own abilities, resources, and finance. Their buildings are very simple as compared to those in America, but I am made to think of our Lord who was laid in a lowly manger at birth and the angels introduced His coming. The wise men and shepherds came from afar to worship Him with their gifts; so these brethren have gathered in humble dwellings to worship and honor the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Greeted by District Pastor and Friends

By the time the first service was under way with songs and prayer, we could feel the presence of our Master, Jesus of Nazareth. We were given a very friendly and sincere welcome by the superintendent, Rev. T. D. Mooneyham, and the host district pastor. I was happy to respond with the assurance that we were looking for great things to be accomplished by God's help and the co-operation of all concerned. The unusual thing about the welcome address was that a copy of it was given to us. A good keepsake for future services?

Bible School Has Value

We were greatly blessed by the wonderful messages that we heard from Brother Mooneyham and the native ministers. I could really see the results of the two years of Bible school the natives had completed and could tell that they had applied themselves. I believe that the Bible school is going to be of untold value to our mission work. In fact, it appears to be the only answer to redeeming the time. May God continue to bless and multiply our Bible schools throughout the world.

Hungry People Needing a Heavenly Gift

Then came quite an experience for a newcomer; I preached with an interpreter, and found it to be very different from regular preaching. After preaching on the Holy Ghost, I turned the service over to Brother Mooneyham who gave them an opportunity to seek for the wonderful Comforter. They filled the altar, humbled themselves on the clay floor, and earnestly sought God. My, I could see a hungry people in need of such a heavenly gift. My soul was stirred within me and I now look by faith to a mighty army of Holy Ghost-filled Nigerians telling their heathen countrymen the story of Jesus.

American Music Enjoyed

My wife and I with the Mooneyhams formed a quartet, and I accompanied our singing with the guitar which was given to me as a gift by Brother Elij of the Nealsville Church of God in North Carolina. They really were excited and happy with the American singing and musical instrument. You see, the only accompaniment they have is drums and sometime cymbals. The second day was filled with many songs, prayers and good sermons. The crowd continued to grow and the spiritual tide seemed to be increasing in proportion. I observed that these Nigerians are not afraid to pray or sing. Their songs, which consisted of hymns and choruses, carried wonderful messages, though they were sung in their own "Congo" rhythm with a good deal of repetition. The harmony, which was mostly in thirds, was beautiful.

The Giving of Diplomas

The closing exercise of the Bible school was held on the last day of the prayer conference. Diplomas were awarded to the fifteen graduating ministers of the Bible school. These certificates were well-earned as the ministers worked hard and were very diligent about their studies. One student rode twenty-five miles every day on his bicycle in order to attend the school. The county secretary, a very prominent native man in the area who was asked to give the commencement address, responded with a masterpiece, his text being "Let this mind be in

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Jackie Scott Reports from the



"BAY ISLANDS"

WE HAVE JUST completed a mission trip to Roatan Island. It is one of a group of islands called, "Islas de la Bahia," which means in English, "Bay Islands." When they named this group of islands they must not have realized that one of the islands is 31 miles from the bay and another is 60 miles away.

From our home in La Ceiba, we took a boat called the *Julia H.* This boat is operated by Captain Ray McNab, a member of the Church of God, and one of our preachers on Roatan. Much could be said about his life, but I will mention only that he is a great influence to the people in this country because of his changed life. He was a man of the roughest type before God saved him, but now he is a fine man of God.

It was a six-hour trip to the island, and we had hoped to get some sleep. However, we ran into rough weather which tossed the boat every which way, and with our heads hitting against the side of the boat, sleep was impossible. We arrived at Coxen Hole, the capital of the island, and from there went to French Harbour where we stayed during our visit.

The islands are beautiful. Everything is always pretty and green, and the moon shining across the water through the coconut trees makes a lovely scene. On this island the majority of the people have nice homes because the men work on ships and receive good wages. Their biggest inconvenience is getting food and keeping it from spoiling. As there is no electricity, very few persons have refrigerators, and those who do, use kerosene for fuel. However, most of the people have to cook their meat daily. They get ice, cold drinks, fresh vegetables, and fruit only when the boat comes in twice a week.

The first night we preached at a place called French Caye. The church was filled, as is usual when anyone new comes to the island, and we had a good service. The same spirit of God prevailed in all the services while we were on the island.

The next night we went to Bodden Bight. We do not have a church there, but we held services on a front porch. After service, we were planning to make the trip back to French Harbour, but the weather would not permit; the water was too rough for the little boat. We must tell you about our little *Gospel Messenger*, the boat

donated to us by the Church of God at Big Rapids, Michigan, a church with twelve members. It is about fifteen feet long, has a good engine, and is built to take the rough weather. The Caribbean gets too rough for boats much larger than this one, so we have to be careful when we get on the ocean. We have been able to reach four more places much easier through the use of this boat. I do not know how we got along without it, but I guess one can do almost anything when he wants to see souls saved.

Our trip to the north side took place on the following day. We left home about 4:00 p.m. and thirty minutes later pulled up to a building in one of the lagoons and tied up our boat. The boat is made to hold nine or ten passengers, but we had sixteen in it that night. We got out, put powder on to keep off the ticks and other insects, and took off through the "bush." At times the grass was so tall and thick we could not see each other. The only road is a narrow path just wide enough for one person.

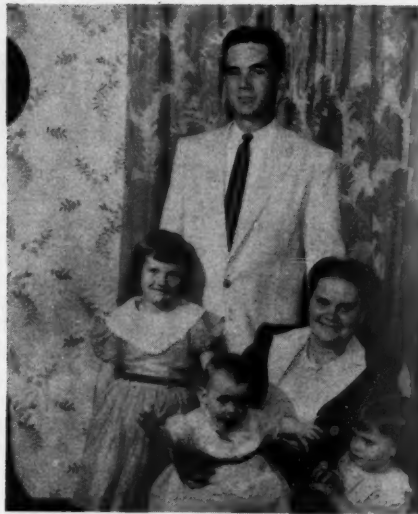
As we neared the church, we came upon a group of thatched-roof houses. The walls were made of bamboo and the roofs were of coconut leaves. When they took me to our church, a large lump arose in my throat. It was a building much like the other houses in that section, but it did not have a floor. The mud which was packed around the bamboo to keep the rain out was falling, and in many places there were large holes in the walls. What a humble place to worship! I wondered how many of our members in the States would attend church if that were the kind of building in which they had to worship. Long before church time people were gathering for service and when the meeting finally began, the building was packed out and the windows and doors were crowded with hungry faces. From the first song the power of God fell and the service was a success. Two came forward for prayer and were saved.

After service we told the people good-bye and made our way back to the boat. Many times during our hour-long walk down the narrow path, I would look back and see lights coming over a hill or see them glistening through the trees; and it made me think of the day when we shall all go marching over the last hill into the glory world with our lights shining brightly.

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GEORGE B. HORTON AND FAMILY

Brother Horton is leaving his pastorate at Saxton, Pennsylvania, to accept an appointment as overseer of the Church in the Dominican Republic. Our prayers and support, I am sure, go with him, and may God bless his every effort.



T. NEWTON WARD AND FAMILY

Brother and Sister Newton Ward and family have taken up their duties as pastor of the River Road Church and island youth director in Barbados, B.W.I. It was rather a sad parting for Brother and Sister Ward as they had to leave their son James and daughter Barbara Jean behind; however, the Lord is able to keep them "as the apple of His eye." Brother Ward, a successful pastor here at home, writes that he is happy and in the will of God in Barbados. May we not forget to pray for them.



ROBERT E. STEVENS AND SISTER

Brother and Sister Robert Stevens are leaving for Japan for the General Assembly early to make passage and by now they have landed Japan. This fine, well-educated the shore lines loose and launch deep. God grant them a great for Him. Surely we will stand by and with our territorial mission.

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WARREN E. COLEMAN AND FAMILY

Brother and Sister Coleman and children are soon to sail for
Haiti to work in the Lord's vineyard. Brother Coleman will be
the assistant overseer. The Colemans left a good pastorate in
Louisiana to answer this call. Let us remember them in prayer.



E. RAY KIRK AND FAMILY

Brother Kirk and family will reside in
Nassau, having been appointed to the
new post as overseer of the Bahamas.
He has a man-sized job as he travels by
boat from island to island, but our
prayers are with him. Brother Kirk is
well-known in the Church, having been
employed in various types of state work
in Virginia, Florida, and other states.
Their older son is staying behind in order
to finish his education, and may the
Lord abundantly bless him.



McNab



Gomez



Gomez



Dilbert



Davis



Brown



Franks

RAY McNAB, Roatan

Ray McNab, of French Harbor, Roatan, is captain of the boat called the *Julia H.*, which operates weekly between the island of Roatan and La Ceiba. Sister Frances Evans and Sister Mabel Mullins went to French Harbor about two years ago, and during a revival meeting Captain Ray was gloriously converted. He has an unusual testimony of how God has delivered him from many sinful habits, including drink. Captain Ray admits that, like many boat captains, he lived a reckless life before he was saved, but he is trying to make up for the wasted years in sin. In addition to operating his boat business, he has been pastoring three churches and also helping out in other places.

AGAPITO GOMEZ, Cuba

When my mother was converted, she opened her home for the preaching of the gospel, but at that time I would leave home in order not to hear the gospel because I did not like it. Later, she took me to church and there in the *Sunday School* when I was only eleven years old, I had my first experience with Christ; for during the pastor's prayer, I felt something strange and wonderful in my heart, and now I know it was the peace of Christ.

Afterward we moved to another city, and as the church was quite far from our home, I did not attend. When I grew older I began to work and run around with friends of questionable character, and my life became steeped in sin. I played and sang in a large tavern. My mother always prayed for me and kept inviting me to church, but I always refused her pleading invitations. I learned full well that the life of sin is sad and without peace.

One day as I was strolling along the street, I found myself in the door of a church, and the peace which I felt as a child in *Sunday School* flooded my memory. I recognized my sad condition, and decided to enter to hear the sermon. It was there and then that I received Christ as my personal Saviour, and six months later He filled me with His Holy Spirit and power. Since then I have been working in His vineyard, and during this blessed work, He has healed me of a serious rupture. Glory to God!

Now I am happy to be serving the Lord in Trinidad, Cuba, as pastor of the Church of God. I praise the name of the Lord for the work He has done in my heart and life, and my desire is to help others to find the peace that only Christ gives.—Agapito Gomez.

ANA O. HALLORANS de GOMEZ, Cuba

I was born in a Christian home and always went to *Sunday School* and church, but was not saved. One day I accepted an invitation to attend a convention, and in those services the Lord called me through His Word in Acts 1:8, and I received Christ as my personal Saviour. At the same time I felt the call to be a missionary of the gospel; therefore, I began to study in a Bible School, but while there my whole body became so afflicted that I was about to die. I had pleuritis, heart trouble, a floating kidney, closed bladder, and spinal trouble—my whole body was sick! In this school the full gospel of salvation, healing, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost are not taught. I had read about the great divine healing campaigns throughout the world, but had never attended one. At this time I was invited to attend the great revival of Brother T. L. Osborn in Santiago de Cuba in 1950. There I heard the full truth of God's Word, and God marvelously healed my entire body. He miraculously gave me a new body! I have been well ever since. Six months later the Lord filled me with His Holy Spirit and since then the Word of God is a new book for me. Now I am very happy serving the Lord with a new and well body, and I am glad to give this testimony to bless others. I am very thankful to God that now I, with my husband, am also working for God in the Church of God in Trinidad, Cuba.—Ana O. Hallorans de Gomez.

HENRY DILBERT, Roatan

Henry Dilbert, a former boxer and general ruffian, is now roughing it for Christ. He was saved when Brother and Sister Fred Litton went to Roatan on their evangelistic tour of the Bay Islands in 1947. Later Brother Dilbert became a preacher and established a following in the island of Roatan. In 1953 he contacted Brother Skaggs and expressed his desire to unite his work with the Church of God. He and his work were received into the Church and he has been working enthusiastically for the Church and for God since then. Although he is over fifty years old now, he works as hard as any young man and has proved his love for the Church by much sacrificial service with very little financial assistance. He often says that he would give his life for the Church of God.

JOHN H. DAVIS, Bahamas

Brother Davis entered the ministry in 1920, began to evangelize in 1924, and is still active for the Lord in this field. He has suffered a great deal and borne many per-

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secutions, but God has blessed his efforts. Only eternity will reveal the many souls that have been saved from eternal doom because of his consecration.

At times, Brother Davis has walked many miles until his feet have swelled, in order to bring lost souls the Word of God. He has had stones thrown at him and has been beaten four times while traveling from island to island. Sometimes he has had to put his brief case on his head and wade through water up to his arms, but in spite of these hardships several churches have been established and he has accomplished a great deal in the propagation of the kingdom of God.

WILLIAM BROWN, Roatan

William Brown is a former Methodist minister from the island of Roatan. He has recently united with the Church of God and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. He is a young man and has much zeal for God. He is able to preach both in English and Spanish, and we expect him to be a great blessing to our work in Honduras. He recently married and his wife has also united with the Church.

WILLIAM R. FRANKS, Bahamas

I was converted in the early part of 1913, and six days after my conversion, I was gloriously baptized with the blessed Holy Ghost. I received the call to preach the gospel soon after this, and in the year 1915 I became a licensed evangelist. I was pastor of a church at that time with about 27 members. We were a despised people and persecutions were very strong. Sometimes we were stoned, and on several occasions, we were taken to court, but these things only made us more humble and more determined to see souls born into the kingdom of God.

In the year of 1918, I was appointed as overseer of the Bahamas in the place of Brother Milton Padgett who was not allowed to come to the Bahamas because of the regulations of World War I. I held this position for a number of years and during this time traveled quite extensively in missions work throughout the islands, establishing a number of churches. On one occasion I set three churches in order in the space of three weeks. At the first place I held services for one week, baptized seventeen in water, and set the church in order with seventeen members. After a week's meetings at the next place, the church was established with twelve members; at the third place, we set the church in order with six members. The persecutions were fairly strong at times, but we were filled with the Holy Ghost and fire, and great grace was upon us.

I have watched the Church of God here in this portion of the missions field grow from a very small beginning to the wonderful success it is today. There have been some hardships at times, but the joy of serving the Lord and seeing many precious souls receive salvation and pray through to the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost, far exceed all the suffering and hardships that we have endured.

I am advanced in age now and cannot travel and conduct revivals, but I thank God I still have the fire in my bones and sweet victory in my soul. I am determined to be true and faithful until He says "it is enough, come up higher."

REMUS ARBOUET, Haiti

After the General Assembly of 1954 at Memphis, Ten-

nessee, the Lord made it possible for me to visit some churches in Nashville and Cleveland, Tennessee, and East Bank, West Virginia. These churches helped me greatly in the work of the Lord in Haiti. The East Bank Church helped me in two clinics at Petit-Goave and Grand Riviere. This church also sends me \$15 each month, and this money has helped in the building of the Church of God in Barrette. I do want to express my gratitude to the kind people of the Church of God in America who have assisted us so much in the work of the Lord in Haiti. In my country the people are poor, but they love the Lord and love to worship Him.

I was converted twenty years ago in the Church of God, and today I am an ordained pastor in the Church. My district now has thirty churches, for which I praise the Lord.

Again let me express my deep appreciation to the Church of God in America for every kindness you have shown to the people of Haiti.

A NEWCOMER'S IMPRESSION

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you which was in Christ." Immediately after the address, Brother Mooneyham awarded the diplomas and gave their class rating. It was worthy to note that all who had completed the two years did so with passing grades. The graduating preachers were very enthusiastic, which I think is a good indication of the future growth of our school here in Nigeria.

The Church Is Young, and the Harvest Great

The Church of God is young in this country and small in comparison with some other mission works, but I close this report with the faith of Abraham after God promised him that his seed would be as the sands of the sea. This faith shall be mingled with the working of God's miraculous power through our labors here in this very needy field now ready for harvest.

May God richly bless the untiring efforts of you, our brothers and sisters in the homeland, and we humbly desire an interest in your prayers.

PEOPLE MOVED FOR MISSIONS

Brother C. S. Grogan, pastor at Roanoke Rapids, N. C. writes:

"I thank God for moving upon our people in the interest of foreign missions. The Lord spoke to my heart several months ago and told me what he wanted us to do; however, I only told the Church that God had spoken to me and that I would tell them when I felt it was the proper time.

"After the mission service when the final offering was \$238.41 more than the Lord had spoken to me about, I gave them the report and told them the story. They gave humble thanks to the Lord and seemed to be glad for the privilege to have a part in the missions cause."

Brother Grogan and his Church gave \$944.16 over and above their regular state quota. This type of soul-burden will girdle the globe with the gospel.



Pictured here is the Halawa Mission which is pastored by Brother Charles Nakashima. He is another one of our fine Japanese ministers, loved and respected by the people. He is doing a wonderful work here in this mission, and we hope to be able to organize a church in the near future.



These are some of our people in Hilo, Hawaii. Our work here is small, but God is blessing and we predict by His help it will soon be larger. Brother Kenneth Nakashima, a fine Japanese brother, is pastoring the church and doing an excellent job. The Hilo church was organized in 1950 by Brother A. W. Brummett, who was the overseer at that time. It was pastored by Brother and Sister Helton until August, 1955.

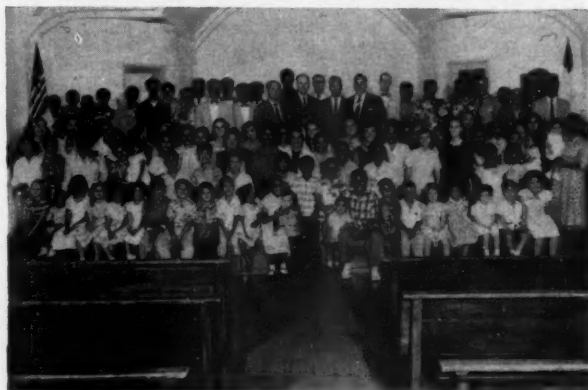
They now have a fine new building and the best piece of property the Church of God owns in the islands. When the building was going up they worked night and day. They would take the children to the job and let them sleep in quilts or blankets while they worked. The ladies of the church drove nails, laid flooring, poured cement, painted, and cleaned the church lot. They have a mind to work; consequently, the future looks bright for the Hilo church.

This group picture was taken the last day of our convention this year. Brother Pat O'Bannon, Brother W. E. Tull, Brother L. R. Carey (overseer and pastor of the church), and Brother Vep Ellis are standing in the center of the back row. Brother Tull and Brother Ellis thrilled

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our hearts with their wonderful messages in song and word.

The Honolulu church is the largest one we have in the islands and has a fine congregation. It would touch your heart to see approximately ten different races of people in unity, worshipping the Lord in spirit and in truth.



For some time the people in Lahaina, Maui, worshipped in a rented building which was infested with termites, but today this fine church building is standing on the property in Lahaina, and we give the Lord praise and honor for this accomplishment. The church and lot are valued at \$15,000. It is sealed inside with redwood and finished in a natural finish. It also has a lovely elevated choir. This is one of the nicest buildings in the city, and is known as the Big Rapids Memorial Church of God.

The Church of God at Big Rapids, Michigan, which has only twelve members, gave almost one thousand dollars on this building, and we would like to express our deep appreciation to Pastor Lowe and each individual who gave a contribution in order to make this church possible.



The Church of God Evangel



This is the newly organized church at Wailuku, Maui. You will notice that the building has a "For Sale" sign on it. At the present time we are renting this building from the Salvation Army. We are asking the people in the mainland to pray with us that we can somehow purchase it, as it is almost in the heart of the town of Wailuku. Brother and Sister O'Bannon are pastoring this work and doing a fine job. The church was organized with fourteen members, and we predict a great future for it.—L. R. Carey, Overseer



This humble abode in the Gilbert Islands is where our missionaries live. Notice the door at the left front which projects the wing of this home. Sister Kustel writes, "We have a nice house—something to be proud of. Wish you could come and visit us."

May God bless their every effort for their sacrifices.



Our church in the Gilbert Islands. The church has no walls and the thatch has not yet been trimmed; however, the building will be finished soon.



Mean of conveyance
These are native women carrying bandanus leaves that are used to roof the houses and make sleeping mats.



New church at Elta in the Gilbert Islands

It is thirty by fifty feet and every log was donated. Brother Kustel and three natives can be seen on the framework at the front of the church.

WHAT HAS BILLY GRAHAM GOT?

In a letter to his wife, after meeting with several members of his team on the eve of the Glasgow Crusade, Billy Graham wrote: "We had dinner in my room and then we started to pray. As we were praying it seemed that we could hear the rushing of the wind. I have had but one or two spiritual experiences like it. It was so wonderful, so thrilling, so sacred that I cannot even tell about it. It was almost like a Pentecostal experience." (from "What Has Billy Graham Got?" by Stanley High)

NORTH CAROLINA SENDS PETRUCELLI TO ITALY

L. H. Aultman, Overseer of North Carolina, while in our office the other day, stated, "The state of North Carolina will provide the funds for the transportation, support, and repatriation for one year for Brother and Sister Petrucelli to go to Italy."

This is an answer to prayer.

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"Grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins."—An Indian prayer
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ANGOLA, AFRICA



Manuel Martins and Christian Workers of Angola, Africa

Manuel Cartaxo Martins writes:

"Many times the enemy has risen up against us in various ways to try to hinder this people from hearing the gospel, for he knows that we have a door opened by God here in Cuanza Sul by which multitudes of men, women, and children are leaving their drinking, their idols, their witchcraft and polygamy, and are entering into the narrow gate which we have preached unto them by the blessed gospel.

"The priest entered into one of our houses of prayer (church), broke up the chairs and the table, and stole the iron hoe which we used for a bell to call the people to prayer. However, the victory again is ours, for the services which the priest did not want in that native village are continuing, and yesterday in the same place I had the opportunity to talk with him personally of the gospel, to which he listened attentively. Glory to God!"

I am sure that we who read the Macedonian Call appreciate the fine congregation that is shown in the above picture. Our Brother Martins is in the center of the front row. These workers, being saved from the depths of darkness, and being indoctrinated with the everlasting gospel of the Son of God, will go forward into the dark recesses of Angola to hold forth the Word of Life. Let us stand by them in our prayers and remember our duty in giving to missions.

A MOTHER'S HEART THROB

We Miss Our Children!

An excerpt of a letter from Sister Pete Reesor, the mother of two of our missionaries, Sister M. G. McLuhan and Brother James Reesor: "We had a wire from Mervyn McLuhan yesterday announcing the birth of a son. We are happy to hear that all is well. Needless to say, we miss our children very much even though we are happy to have them working for the Lord. We must be patient, hoping to see them again sometime if Jesus carries."

COLOMBIA, SOUTH AMERICA

By Church of God. Persons in Bogota

WHEN WE STEPPED from the plane on arriving in Bogota, Colombia, the first thing we noticed was that it was a little more difficult to breathe and that a lightheadedness made one feel a little peculiar. We thanked the Lord for giving us a safe journey with not a bit of rough weather, and began to look about us to see just what our new home would be like.

Bogota has an elevation of 8700 feet. Our light summer clothes that had been so comfortable when we left Miami were strangely out of place here in this city in the sky. We were only five degrees north of the equator but were shivering with cold. All about us people were wearing winter suits of wool and even topcoats. The temperature was sixty-five degrees and we were soon to learn that it remains within five degrees of this the year round.

The next thing that made an impression on us was the way religion was manifested throughout the city. As we passed public squares and parks on the drive in from the airport, we saw statues of saints and the mother of Jesus instead of statues of military heroes. Priests in their long black cassocks were all about. We saw more of them during our first week there than we had in a lifetime in the States. Churches were also in abundance. Here the Catholic Church is supreme; it has reached the goal that it is striving for in every country, and that is union with the State. In Colombia, Catholicism completely dominates the lives of all its citizens.

Just who is boss here was made completely clear during a conference of church dignitaries when the bishop and a host of lesser churchmen marched between an honor guard of soldiers with fixed bayonets, that reached for a number of blocks. This strange mixture of religion and military display made a lasting impression upon us of what could take place in any country that failed to enforce the rights of its citizens.

How a country can have so much religion and so little of God is made clear by the statistics that show that only one bottle of milk is consumed to every twenty bottles of beer. Also, there are two hundred churches in the city of Bogota, yet 60,000 children of school age are denied the right to attend school because there are not enough schools to take care of them. Why? Because the church receives the taxes that should support the schools.

Every effort is being made to stamp out Protestantism here. Recently a church of about 2000 members was closed, but the good people, not to be denied the right to worship, formed small groups and gathered privately to worship God.

Pentecost with its blessings is practically unknown. When a person has been drilled in a ritual from childhood, nothing short of the power of the Almighty can break that hold. Salvation, of necessity, is very much an educational process. There are so many things that must be unlearned and replaced with the truths of God. And too, one can never be sure about the persons they talk with, as there are many spies for the Catholic Church that work their way into Protestant groups and report them to the authorities.

In spite of all this, we are making a little progress. We are sowing seed, and we have the promise that the Word will not return void.

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS . . .

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life to carry this message. God is anointing them; God is enduing them with special power and unction to follow through with His great commission and to obey His orders.

Our waiting list of applicants, if they were all processed, would easily double our annual budget of \$615,000. No wonder the Missions Board is asking for \$1,500,000 for foreign missions promotion and world evangelism between now and the next General Assembly in 1958.

We are challenged, and rightfully so, and should be more so than any other group on earth. Because we accept the whole Bible rightly divided, the New Testament as our only rule for government and discipline, having no man-made creed, but believing we have more gospel truth than any other movement on earth, we must therefore assume the greater responsibility, and if this be neglected — the greater judgment.

The potentials of our Church in its missions emphasis are far from being exhausted. Within the youth organization of our Church lies dormant a potential that could easily triple itself over and above that that it has ever done. I trust the Church of God youth will assert themselves in the next two years in the message of missions. Give the youth a chance and they will do the job.

Many of the ladies in our ladies' auxiliaries, and Ladies' Willing Workers' Bands throughout America have written to my office asking for something to do for foreign missions, and it has always been my happy privilege to answer their correspondence and give them information. If the Willing Workers' Bands throughout America would observe one day a month as mission prayer day, praying for the missionaries, it would be most encouraging. Along with that, they could set up projects for foreign missions and help carry this gospel message to the four quarters of the earth. We stand ready to give any information necessary to project the energies that are dormant and must be revived within our Ladies' Willing Workers' Bands.

Individual giving with enthusiasm is on the increase. The individual, or any church, or any of its auxiliaries,

can support native evangelism, native church construction, as well as many other needs that are in demand for world evangelization.

The local churches providing funds for missions for their district and state programs have been most heartening. The state overseers, as well as the state youth directors, have given fine co-operation. This also applies to the National Youth Board and the Executive Committee. All have worked faithfully, but there is much ground yet to cover. The field of literature is wide open and little is being done. There must be the distribution of the sacred Scripture, tracts, periodicals, pamphlets, *Evangelists*, Sunday School literature, and books of various kinds. Here is where we must concentrate special effort. We must also foster Bible training schools which are a crying need, as well as many other items too numerous to mention. The King's business requires haste; we must work while it is yet day.

During the past generation alone, more than one billion souls have gone out into eternity, and the tragedy of tragedies is that at least 750 million of this number were never even touched by the Church.

There are 400 million more unevangelized souls in the world now than a generation ago, in spite of the so-called increase in missionary interest.

Do they need the gospel? In one country, the warm blood of a chicken is allowed to flow over the head and body of a mother as soon as her baby is born. It remains there until she gets up from her bed. That is heathenism!

Pans are beaten in several South American tribes to frighten away hail or a thunderstorm. That is heathenism!

In Africa it is estimated that over four million people are killed annually by the poison cup. That is heathenism!

Hinduism, the religion of three-fourths of India claims to have 330,000 gods and goddesses. That is heathenism!

Truly, our challenge is terrific. Every church of any consequence should support at least one American missionary. Church auxiliaries should support national evangelism, school projects, and literature for the lost. You, as an individual, should support native evangelism, and all must pray for the missionaries and the mission work everywhere. Every Christian should invest something in sending forth the gospel.

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